Irregularities in Returning the Contribution of Provident Fund by PSUs

13. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many of the Public Sector Undertakings, like Delhi Transport Corporation, have not been depositing the contribution received by them from the employees towards their provident fund as also their share and there have been scandals therein; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases coming to the notice of Government during the last three years and the action taken thereon to safeguard the interests of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Supply of coal to power sector

14. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand made by power sector for coal during the last three years and actual supplies made during those years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the coal companies are not able to meet the requirement of coal of different power plants;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to fulfil the coal demand of different power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Details regarding demand as assessed by Central Electricity Authority and actual despatches of coal to power sector during the last three years were as under:

(In million tonnes)
(Data provisional)

Year	Demand	Actual Quantity Supplied
1992-93	150.00	149.53
1993-94	160.00	165.23
1994-95	170.00 (Later enhanced to 177.00 m.t.)	169.12

(All figures include middlings)

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Coal Companies have been in a position to meet the demand of power stations within the overall constraints including availability of wagons and payment against coal supplies during the last 3 years.

(d) High priority is given to despatches of coal for the power sector. Further the situation is reviewed every week by an inter-ministry committee and appropriate action is taken wherever necessary. The alternative of import is now also available.

Proposal to Slash Foodgrain Prices at FPS

15. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to slash foodgrain prices at Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, whether any decision in this regard has been taken so far;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what would be the selling price of wheat, rice and sugar at shops run under the Public Distribution System; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed by which such scheme will be implemented stating the areas where ration shops/shops run under PDS are located?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) The Central